National Organizations — 1913

THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ST. LUKE

The Most Progressive and Substantial Fraternal Organization in the Country.

THE OUTGROWTH OF BRAINS AND ENERGY

A Woman's Work and a Woman's Success. The St. Luke Bank, a Growing, Dependable Institution, With a Woman, Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, President. Aren't You a St. Luke?

Have you ever been to Richmond, Va.? No? Then you have missed seeing much in the way of Negro development. If you have been, of course, you have both seen and heard about the St. Lukes and the great work they are doing. A trip to Richmond and a failure to visit the St. Luke Hall and the St. Luke Bank, would be like going to Washington, D. C., on a sight-seeing tour and not seeing the Capitol and the White House.

The words "St. Luke," are household words in Richmond, representing brain, energy, and financial co-operation. It is a great fraternal organization of men, women and children, which has evolved from an old-fashioned benevolent society, that came into existence shortly after the close of the war, its founder being a woman, a Mrs. Proutt of Baltimore, Md. Mrs. Proutt is dead now, but she builded better than she knew. She sowed a grain of mustard seed, which indeed is the least of all seeds; but it has grown, it is the greatest among herbs and hath become a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof, and men, women and children gather under the shade thereof for rest, shelter and protection.

But the development of such a fraternal organization as the Independent Order of St. Luke has been one never-ending struggle. A master mind, an untiring body, a genius for organization, a soul of truth, the personification of justice, rigid impartiality, high ideals, amiability, personal magnetism and faithfulness are the qualities of body and mind which have made it possible for Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, the leader of the St. Lukes, to gather around her the men and women who comprise the official staff of the organization.

While it is true that the St. Luke Order has been in existence for nearly fifty years, its real growth and development began just a little more than a dozen years ago, when it was handed over to Mrs. Walker in a basket, dying, discouraged and debt ridden, a bankrupt society, with badly kept books and numberless bills, from which those who had managed the same were fleeing in hot haste to escape the stigma of having it die on their hands. This was fourteen years ago. Today the real estate, cash and personal property of the Order is worth more than $100,000, with a membership of more than forty thousand, operating in twenty-five different states.

In these days of government inspection, to prevent the exploiting of irresponsible and improperly conducted fraternal societies—leeches feeding on the people, dodging their obligations upon the slightest technicality—the Insurance Departments of the several states are now looking with scrutinizing and even microscopic eyes into the financial conduct of these fraternal organizations. The Insurance Department of Virginia rates the St. Lukes A1. This official endorsement places the St. Luke Order in the very front of the front rank. Conducted under the latest and most improved rules and regulations of fraternalism, depositing security whenever and wherever required, members of the organization are secure and their mortuary benefits sure and certain.

The Forty-Seventh Annual Convention of the Right Worthy Grand Council meets at Richmond in August. The present officers are: R. W. G. Chief, Minnie L. Banks, Macon, Ga.; R. W. G. Vice Chief, Dr. H. L. Harris, Richmond, Va.
R. W. G. Secretary-Treasurer, Maggie L. Walker, Richmond, Va.

Executive Board

Leah J. Lynch, Norfolk, Va.; Charity Jones, New York City; Georgia A. Queene, Newark, N. J.; Rev. C. H. King, Hickory, N. C.; Josephine D. Cannady, Eckman, W. Va.; Geo. W. Coleman Roanoke, Va.; Anna J. Evans, Providence, R. I.; Booker Ellis, Dinwiddie, Va.; Julia M. Layton, Washington, D. C.; Frances Cox, Lynchburg, Va.; Ella O. Waller, Sallie W. Dickerson, Lula A. Willis, Rev. Z. D. Lewis, W. W. Fields, Richmond, Va.; and Rev. R. H. Cooley, Petersburg, Va. Attorney, James H. Hayes, Washington, D. C.

The St. Luke Bank

The St. Luke Penny Savings Bank of Richmond, Va., while bearing the name "St. Luke," is in every way a separate, distinct corporation, with a different set of officers working under a separate and distinct charter. It was chartered some eight years ago, has a fully paid up capital stock of $50,000, with assets totaling more than $200,000.

This bank has for its president, the woman, Maggie L. Walker, who by her personal energy and solicitation sold by far the major portion of the capital stock. Millions of dollars of money has passed over the counters, and Cashier Emmett C. Burke is a highly-respected and well-known figure in the banking circles of Richmond. The St. Luke Bank is the people's bank, in all that the expression implies. It has helped thousands: it is not a hoarding bank but an outpouring bank, helping the business man, the professional man and the individual man.

The bank officials are: President, Mrs. Maggie L. Walker; vice president, Rev. Z. D. Lewis, D. D.; cashier, Emmet C. Burke; assistant cashier, Mrs. Mary H. Dawson.

There is much in this article about Maggie L. Walker. The reasons are these: Maggie L. Walker resurrected, and breathed into the St. Luke Order the breath of life. She has made of it a great, nation-known fraternal order, not existing on paper, but built upon a foundation that grows stronger as the years come and go; an organization that is growing by leaps and bounds and destined to cover the entire land. She has made it a success by paying the price in such cases always demanded—her strength, mental, physical, moral and religious—her very life. Dedicating herself to the St. Luke cause when a child, she has given it her life and nursed it to vigor, increasing growth and permanent success.

Maggie L. Walker and the St. Lukes are co-ordinates. The St. Lukes belong to her because she has given her life to them. She belongs to them because they have adopted her and changed her name from Maggie Lena Walker to Maggie Luke Walker.

Brick, mortar, iron, steel and money are great things with which to lay the foundation of an organization, and upon which to build; but greater still is that indestructible heart foundation, built upon the confidence and faith of men and women as the result of a clean organization, honestly administered, free from the bickerings and strife of unprincipled ambition. The St. Luke Order and the St. Luke Bank are successes, because they are clean in purpose, great in honesty and just in transaction. Are you a St. Luke?

A Few Facts and Figures

A membership of more than 40,000. Operating in 25 states. Pays all it promises promptly. Paying out more than $1000 per week to benificiaries. Not an uncontested unpaid death claim. Up to date has paid $438130 in death claims. A St. Luke policy is as good as gold. The largest Fraternal Juvenile department.

Local St. Lukes

There are 60 St. Luke Councils here in Washington, with Rev. A. C. Garner District Deputy and Mrs. Julia H. Hayes Associate Deputy; Mrs. Bessie B. Anderson, Deputy for Maryland and District of Columbia. Phyllis Wheatley No. 234, organized in August 1902 is the oldest council, the work of Mrs. Julia H. Hayes, who bears the honored distinction of being the mother of St. Luke work in the District, and Lovely Trion No. 970, the youngest.

First Annual Grand Session

The Supreme Lodge of the National Ideal Benefit Society, Inc. Holds It First Annual Session at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church—Meeting a Great Success.

Tuesday morning, September 2nd, 1913 marked a new epoch in the fraternal world when the Supreme Lodge of the National Ideal Benefit Society met in its first annual session. The church was attractively decorated with palms and cut flowers.

Precisely at 10 o'clock, Mr. A. W. Holmes, Supreme Master called the large delegation to order. Roll of Supreme Officers and Directors was called by the Supreme Secretary, S. W. Johnson, after which Devotional Exercises were conducted by the Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Dr. W. T. Johnson, assisted by Rev. C. H. Phillips and Rev. R. H. Richardson of Washington, D. C.

The Supreme Master set the keynote for the work of the Convention in his annual message which was listened to attentively and was well received. At the conclusion of the report of the committee on credentials an address was delivered to the delegates by the Supreme Vice Master, Rev. W. L. Anderson. The report of the Supreme Officers shows that the Organization is rapidly advancing.

Tuesday night at 8 o'clock was a large public meeting at the First Baptist Church. Mr. A. W. Holmes, Supreme Master, presided over the meeting. Welcome on the part of the Church by Rev. Dr. W. T. Johnson, pastor; while the welcome on the part of the Society was delivered by Prof. J. E. Jones of the Virginia Union University. Mrs. M. E. Holmes, National Lecturer of the Southern District was at her best in introducing Mrs. Rosa Thompson, National Lecturer of the Northern District who responded to the Welcome Address.

Mrs. Rosa Thompson, who is well known as a powerful speaker, and one who can easily carry her audience at will, on this occasion seemed to have excelled herself in that, it is said by those who heard her that this address was one of the finest ever listened to.

At the close of this superb address, she was presented with a most beautiful bouquet of flowers by Master Ellis Booker of Golden Sunbeam Nursery, No. 17, on behalf of the Ideal Nursery Department of Richmond District. She was also presented with a token by Mrs. Eva M. Robinson of Friendship Lodge on behalf of Philadelphia District.

The National Ideal Choir under the direction of Mrs. Ida Glover Deane and Mrs. Carrie Coleman Hawkins rendered choice music for the occasion. Closing remarks were made by the Supreme Master.

Wednesday was a very busy day for the Convention, being the election of officers and the reception of reports of the various committees.

At 8:00 P. M. was the "Ideal Union" at which time discussion on Friendship, Love and Peace led by the Supreme Master was the main feature of the evening. At the conclusion of these discussions a most able address was delivered by Rev. J. E. Wright, Missionary of the Va. Baptist Sunday School Convention, after which the guest were led to the banqueting hall by Mrs. M. E. Holmes, chairman where her able committee most beautifully served the guest, for which they have the hearty congratulations of the delegates and visitors.

A most impressive Memorial Service presided over by Miss Rosa B. Brooks was held in memory of our dead, at which time the principal eulogy was delivered by Mrs. M. E. Holmes.

Thursday was known as the Ideal Nursery Day and well did the women headed by Mrs. Rosa Thompson and Mrs. M. E. Holmes plan for the advancement of this department. An Auxiliary to the Supreme Lodge was formed to be known as "The National Ideal Guardians' Convention," to hold its first annual session in Philadelphia, Pa.

At 3 P. M. the Nursery workers of Richmond District presented the Ideal Nursery children who rendered an excellent programme, for which the workers were loudly applauded by the delegation.

At 8 o'clock the climax was reached when the National Ideal Choir gave the public a musical treat at the City Auditorium. Fully three thousand people were present.

Mr. T. L. Beverly, Deputy for Richmond District; Mrs. Rosa Wilkerson and Mrs. Willie P. Tinsley, Lecturers, are some of the most tireless workers of the Society.

The Convention was pleasingly surprised when it learned from the Supreme Master's report that the following named persons: Mrs. C. C. Hawkins, Mrs. Rosetta G. Arrington, Mrs. Ida E. Charity, Miss Lillian H. Holmes and Miss Alice Brown were among the first to work up Lodges and Nurseries, and are leading them successfully, as well as serving as employees. Mrs. Rosetta Gabbins Arrington who is one of the most proficient stenographers of the State showed her rare ability in handling her part of the work of the Convention.

The following officers were installed by the Rev. J. H. Binford, with a most impressive ceremony: Supreme Master, A. W. Holmes; Supreme Vice Master, Rev. W. L. Anderson; Supreme Mistress, Mrs.

Rosa Wilkerson; Supreme Chaplain, Rev. C. H. Phillips; Supreme Secretary, Mr. S. W. Johnson; Supreme Treasurer, Dr. A. A. Tennant; Supreme R. Guide, M. T. Robinson; Supreme L. Guide, Mrs. Louisa B. Jones; Supreme I. Sentinel, James Richardson; Supreme O. Sentinel, A. C. Hines; Supreme R. Herald, Rev. R. F. Richardson; Supreme L. Herald, Mrs. Lucinda J. Carter.

PYTHIAN CONVENTION GREATEST IN HISTORY

Supreme Lodge Votes To Sustain Suspension Of Virginia Lodge

The seventeenth biennial session of the Supreme Lodge of Knights of Pythias and the fifteenth biennial session of the Supreme Court of Calanthe passed into history with the adjournment of the Supreme Lodge last Saturday night. In a two to one vote Columbus, O., triumphed over Dallas, Tex., as the place for holding the next biennial session.

The last day was spent principally in discussing proposed changes in the constitution of the order. An amendment was adopted refusing past chancellors, ex cept when delegates, the right to vote at grand lodge sessions.

LAWSUIT IMMINENT.

John Mitchell and the delegates from the suspended Virginia Grand Lodge waited in vain for admission. The Supreme Lodge contended that Virginia owed $3,000 in taxes. The representatives from that State tendered $2,500 as full payment, which was refused. Mr. Mitchell and his grand lodge were suspended some months following refusal to pay taxes and an allegation by Mr. Mitchell that the affairs of the Supreme Lodge had been extravagantly managed. In the closing hours of the session the delegates voted to sustain the suspension of Virginia and to order the dissolution of its Grand Lodge. John Mitchell, through his attorneys then fied notice with Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green that injunction proceedings would be filed in the United States Court, at Richmond, Va., September 25.

There were three candidates for supreme chancellor. C. K. Robinson, who was succeeded by Dr. E. E. Underwood as supreme keeper of records and seal, was placed in nomination by A. W. Lloyd, grand chancellor for Missouri. His name was withdrawn. J. Rupert Jefferson, of West Virginia, ran against S. W. Green, receiving 25 votes to the latter's 67.

George A. Watty, grand chancellor for Maryland, was rewarded for his work in entertaining the session here with election to the position of supreme master-at-arms.

The new supreme keeper of records and seal, is native of Ohio, but has been practicing medicine in Frankfort, Ky., since his graduation from the medical department of Western Reserve University nearly 25 years ago. He is prominent in poiltical and fraternal affairs. He has been assistant city physician in Frankfort, secretary of board of pension surgeons and was one of the Big Four from his State of the Republican National convention in 1904. He wrote the endowment plan under which Kentucky K. P.'s have accumulated $60,000.

Mr. Watty is a native of this city, and has been grand chancellor for the past six years. During his regime the order in Maryland has prospered, numerically and financially.

The remaining officers, as published in a late issue of the Afro-American Ledger last week are: Joseph L. Jones, Cincinnatti, supreme vice chancellor; Dr. J. A. Ward, Indianapolis supreme medical examiner; J. L. Mitchell, Austin, Tex., supreme lecturer; John H. Young, Pine Bluff, Ark., supreme master of exchequer; Rev. A. H. Newton, Camden, N. J., supreme prelate; T. A. Lattre, Winston Salem, N. C. supreme inner guard; J. W. Harris Jacksonville Fla., supreme outer guard and R. R. Jackson Chicago major general of uniform rank.

FORM LEAGUE TO RIGHT WRONGS

The Central Afro-

Necessity For New Movement Started In Philadelphia.

5-2-'14

CONDITIONS DEMAND ACTION

Platform of a Pennsylvania State Organization Which Has For Its Object the Promotion and Protection of the Civic, Industrial and Political Interests of Afro-Americans.

Philadelphia. — There has recently been organized in this city a movement to be known as the Negro Protective League of Pennsylvania, with headquarters in the Keystone Aid building, southwest corner of Lombard and South Sixteenth streets. The president of the league is the Rev. Dr. William A. Creditt, recording secretary George W. Dawley and corresponding secretary Dr. R. R. Wright, Jr.

Among the other leaders of the movement are Bishop J. S. Caldwell, Rev. S. L. Corrothers, J. C. Asbury, Esq.; Dr. H. M. Minton, Editors Chris J. Perry and A. P. Caldwell, C. C. Dunlap, H. H. Cooper and E. W. Johnson of this city. Attorney W. Justin Carter and Robert K. Nelson of Harrisburg, P. A. Blackwell of Steelton, Maurice Randolph, N. T. Velor and R. C. Fox of Pittsburgh and other persons of prominence and influence in other sections of the state are interested in the movement.

Purposes of the New Organization.

The purposes of the league are set forth in the following statement issued by its promoters: "The Negro Protective League of Pennsylvania is an organization of Negroes of this state for the purpose of promoting the civic, industrial and political interests of the race in this commonwealth and of the country.

"The necessity for such an organization is clear to every thoughtful mind, not alone because every other nationality, whether Jewish, German, Italian or Greek has such an organization for its protection and the promotion of its interests, but also because these times, as never before, especially demand such an organization among our people.

"In organization there is strength, and only with organization can we withstand the attacks made upon our every right and privilege. Certainly we cannot do so as individuals. We therefore must organize or go to the wall. The Negro Protective League of Pennsylvania stands for the protection of the civic interests of the race and the promotion of the same. When it is considered that our people are largely excluded from hotels, restaurants, places of entertainment and amusements in this state the need of such an organization becomes at once apparent.

"This very day in Washington the majority party of the United States congress is hostile to the civic interests of our race. Not only have there been attempts to put a law against intermarriage on the statute books of the nation, but there have been attempts to segregate Negro employees in the various governmental departments and to introduce into the street cars of the capital city of the nation the nefarious separate seat law of the south.

Spread of Lynching and Segregation.

"We have seen nearly every prominent Negro officeholder of the nation put out of office and the places filled by white men. We have seen the segregation laws spread all over the country. We have seen lynchings run wild and uncontrolled. We have seen a lynching take place in fair Pennsylvania, and we have been unable to punish a single person who took part in it. Do we not need an organization to protect our civic interests? This is one of the purposes of the Negro Protective League of Pennsylvania.

"But as bad as are the civic conditions, so much worse are the industrial conditions. Little by little we have seen our men and women driven from positions long held by members of the race and shut out from others by the labor unions. The Negro Protective league stands for the protection of Negro labor against race prejudice and other insidious evils. It stands for promoting efficiency and skill among Negro workmen, securing better positions for our men and women and better industrial training for our boys and girls. We desire to see our men who are well qualified put into positions worthy of their training and experience, both in private and public service.

"The Negro Protective league stands for the fullest exercise of the elective franchise. We urge that it is not only a privilege, but the duty, of every man of color to vote. The Negro in this state and in the north in general needs to use the ballot not only for the effect it will have here, but also to protect the franchise rights of our brethren in the south. We believe that the Negro should vote for those men who stand by the race and vote against those men who stand against us. We should put every candidate on record as to his attitude upon the race question and see that pre-election promises are kept.

"We see the need of this right now better than ever before, for just now the Democratic congress is doing all it can to humiliate the Negro."

GRAND SESSION ORDER OF TENTS

The Colored Virginian

GRAND SESSION HELD IN NEWPORT NEWS LAST WEEK

9-20-13

Newport News, Va., Sept. 5.—The State Grand Tent, Independent Order of J. R. Giddings and Jollifee Union, held its Fifty-fifth Annual Session in this city Sept. 2, 1913, with a large number of delegates present from all parts of the State, bringing glowing reports of their work in the various sections.

The session was an exceedingly harmonious one, all expressed themselves as having a most pleasant time. The good people of Newport News did all in their power to entertain the visit delegation, and upheld their well-earned reputation as hospitable Virginians.

At the close of the session a grand supper was served in most excellent style. The delegates returned to their homes with new zeal to work for this noble Order.

The session closed with the election and installation of the following officers for the ensuing term:

Joanna Martin, M. W. P. S. G. S. M.
Magnolia Johnson, M. W. S. G. S. M.
Cornelia Faulk, M. W. S. G. J. M.
Janie B. Jackson, M. W. S. G. M. of C.
Alice V. Elliott, M. W. S. G. R. S.
Mary A. Berry, M. W. S. G. F. S.
Mary A. Moten, M. W. S. G. M. of K.
Mamie E. Smith, M. W. S. M. G. F. S.
Julia Bailey, M. W. S. M. G. Treas.
Mary E. Coles, M. W. S. G. M. of W.
Florence Granton, M. W. S. G. Usheress.
Rebecca Fisher, M. W. S. G. Tyleress.

The following deputies were elected for the term:

Susie B. Wright, Portsmouth, Va.; Clara M. Brown, assistant.

Eliza Ford, Petersburg, Va.; Anna Jackson, assistant.

Elizabeth Lynch, Newport News and Berkley, Va.

Lily Nolley, Surry County, Va.; Navolia Wilson, assistant.

Elizabethh Lynch, Smithfield, Va.

Finance Committee—Athaline Hill, Eliza Ford, Harriett Poole, S. A. Spratley, Emily Roberts.

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32 YEARS

OF

Unbroken Progress

IS THE RECORD MADE BY THE

National Order OF THE Mosaic Templars of America

LOCATED IN

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

This order was organized in 1822 by J. E. Bush and C. W. Keatts, two Negroes, and has long since passed the experimental stage.

Half Million Dollars Paid to Widows and Orphans

The National Order of the Mosaic Templars of America conducts Disability, Endowment and Burial Departments, and through these departments has paid to widows and orphans and beneficiaries of deceased members the enormous sum of a Half Million Dollars.

Substantial Proof of Reliability

Failures and frauds have been so numerous in organizations of this character that the public is naturally skeptical. We cite you the following evidences of our reliability, and same may be verified by spending a little time investigating.

The order has erected a National Temple Building in Little Rock, Ark., at a cost of $60,000, the same being erected out of the order's surplus funds, and no extra building tax or assessment has been levied upon the members. This has never been heard of in the history of fraternal orders. Booker T. Washington dedicated the building. This order has never levied an extra tax upon its members to pay off any kind of obligation, and not a single instance can be cited during thirty-two years where the order has failed to meet promptly its just obligations to the people. In our Endowment department, the ninety-day waiver, which appears in most certificates, has never been taken advantage of, because the order has always had sufficient funds to meet its claims whenever proof of death is made. Our Endowment department is national and has been inspected from time to time by various insurance commissioners. The order has come out of each inspection with flying colors. As we grow older, instead of decreasing, our Endowment surplus is growing, as the following will show:

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(Six months.)

Rates per Year and Benefits Paid

Men's Department, $11.75 per year; endowment, $300; sick benefits, $3 per week; burial, $50. Women's Department, $8.75 per year; endowment, $300; sick benefits, $2 per week; burial, $50. Children's Department, $1.85 per year; endowment, $50; sick benefits, $1 per week; burial, $20.

The above rates include all taxes, local lodge, state and Supreme Grand Lodges. The endowment policies of $300 are graded and payable as follows: Should death occur during the first twelve calendar months, $100; after the first twenty-four calendar months, $200; after the first thirty-six calendar months, $300.

Local Lodge Divisions

The order operates in four divisions, and charter fees for organizing new lodges are as follows:

Temples for adult males, cost of charter, $15; Chambers for adult females, cost of charter, $10; Palaces for children, cost of charter, $5; Uniform rank, cost of charter, $5.

Opportunities for Organizers

The order is now conducting a nation-wide campaign for members and is allowing organizers the most liberal contract ever given by any fraternal order in the world. During the past twenty-four months we have organized 600 new lodges. Some organizers have earned as high as $200 per month. We allow organizers, under extension plan, to set up local lodges for the price of the charter fee. For instance, an organizer would set up a temple of sixty men at $2 each; that would amount to $120. His charter would cost $15, leaving him a net profit of $105. We are anxious to engage active young men and women in all parts of the United States to organize lodges. Especially are we anxious to secure organizers in Illinois, Indiana, Virginia and West Virginia, Maryland, North and South Carolina, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, New York and Kansas. This offer will not remain open indefinitely, and you had better write today for terms.

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COLORED RAILWAY MAIL CLERKS TO ORGANIZE

Convention To Be Held at Chattanooga, Tenn., October 2, 3, and 4.

1,800 NEGROES IN SERVICE

Segregation Agitation and Drawing of Color Line in White Organization Causes Move.

9-25-13

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE:

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 23.—On October 2, 3 and 4 Negro railway postal clerks from every section of the country will meet at Chattanooga, Tenn., when a national association will be formed.

This step will be taken by the colored clerks in the employ of the United States railway mail service in view of a recent amendment to the constitution of the white organization, barring Negroes from membership, as well as the clamor of white clerks for segregation.

Colored clerks resent the drawing of the color line, and they are showing that there is no desire on their part to affiliate with the white clerks by organizing local leagues among themselves in all large centers. There are some 1,800 Negroes in the United States railway mail service. Delegates to the Chattanooga convention will be chosen from the local leagues.

The St. Louis local league is composed of the following officers: J. T. Bush, president; F. A. Carter, vice-president; Elmo Williams, secretary; C. T. Vaughn, assistant secretary. Executive Committee—J. H. Jones, R. H. Grady, D. W. Burton, C. J. Hines and J. E. Thomas. Program Committee—R. O. Wright, S. Wm. Moore and N. J. Henderson. Lookout Committee—S. R. Singley, J. Mackey, R. R. Freeman, L. M. Morrow and L. W. Lane.

MORE SEGREGATION IN RAILWAY MAIL SERVICE.

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE 11-22-13

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., Nov. 18.—"Negro and white mail clerks will be absolutely separated. The department, in fact, has taken steps already toward that end," said Alexander H. Stephens, general superintendent of the railway mail service, to a conference of chief clerks of the Eleventh Division here Sunday.

"We have found that mixed crews do not give satisfaction, but in separating races," he continued, "we are proceeding so that no injustice will be done and no men demoted. We will simply work with all white and all Negro crews in the future."

His announcement was cheered by the delegates, all of whom were white clerks.

And despite all such talk, President Wilson and officials at Washington maintain that the Government does not officially sanction segregation.

Pier on Thursday evening. The latter was a grand affair and certainly reflected great credit upon the order and our people generally. The parade was the one great feature of the week.

The election Friday was the most hotly contested and dramatic ever held and was generally satisfactory. T. G. Nutter, formerly Grand Esteemed Leading Knight, was elected to the position of Grand Exalted Ruler, defeating Bro. Arnold W. Scott by five votes. Bro. Hoyt, also a candidate, whose canvass was injured by his illness, withdrew in favor of the advancement of Bro. Nutter, whose long term as Grand Esteemed Leading Knight made him deserving of promotion. Bro. Hoyt was unanimously elected Grand Esteemed Leading Knight. Others elected were Grand Loyal Knight, J. H. Starkey, Cleveland, Ohio; Grand Lecturing Knight, J. R. Dunn, Chicago, Ill.; Grand Secretary, G. E. Bates, Newark, N. J.; Grand Treasurer, J. T Carter, Richmond, Va.; Grand Trustee, W. H. Jones, Philadelphia, Pa.; Grand Esquire, W. H. McFarland, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Grand Tyler, R. Vance Ridley, Indianapolis; Grand Inner Guard, H. H. Johnson, of Minn.; A. W. Scott was appointed Grand Legal Adviser and S. B. Noble of Cambridge, Mass., Grand Master of Social session.

The men from New England can learn many valuable lessons from the last Grand Lodge session. Among them the idea of unity of purpose should prevail. Other delegations attend the sessions and vote solid. Men and their qualifications, their loyalty to, and interest in the order are the considerations which secure the solid support of these delegations. No petty jealousy among them mars their influence. New England, and especially Boston, should have a high place of influence in the Grand Lodge and this magnificent asset should not be frittered away to satisfy the adolescent ambitions of selfish weaklings.

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ELECTION FOR GRAND EXALTED RULER CLOSE

T. G. Nutter Defeats Armond W. Scott for Position by Five Votes

BRILLIANT BALL ON PIER

Nearly Five-thousand Persons on Million Dollar Pier—Next Session to be Held at Norfolk, Va.

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE.

ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 7.—The fourteenth annual convention of the Independent Benevolent Order of Elks of the World, held last week in this city, will go down in history as the most harmonious and largest ever held in the history of the order. The contest for Grand Exalted Ruler was close, very close, T. G. Nutter of Charleston, W. Va., defeating Armond W. Scott of Washington, D. C., by five votes. Counselor Nutter received ninety votes to Counselor Scott's eighty-five.

Not until all the votes had been counted was the successful candidate for the position of Grand Exalted Ruler known. Some of the Elks who showed more than ordinary interest in the outcome almost became victims of heart failure. George E. Bates of Jersey City was re-elected Grand Treasurer, and James T. Carter of Richmond, Va., was chosen Grand Treasurer.

At the session it was decided to fight to the finish the white Elks, who do not want the colored order to use the name "Elks." To allow the order to carry on its fight in the courts $2,000 was appropriated.

It was made public at the convention that Supreme Court Justice Hughes recently decided against the colored Elks in their suit with the white Elks of the State of New York, the court holding that no Federal question was involved.

To Fight Ohio Decision.

All attention is to be concentrated in the future on the case recently decided against them in Ohio by the lower court. Constitutional lawyers have been secured who are confident that if the suit is taken to the United States Supreme Court there will be several constitutional issues involved.

Thursday, August 28, was a gala day at Atlantic City. Thursday afternoon the Elks' parade was held, and the local daily papers proclaimed it to be the most impressive parade ever held in Atlantic City. The band of the O. V. Cato Lodge, No. 20, Philadelphia, was awarded the prize for being the best musical organization in the order, and the O. V. Cato Lodge was awarded the prize for having the largest number in attendance. The Keystone Lodge, No. 6, of Washington, Pa., was awarded the prize for coming the longest distance, and the Iron City Lodge, No. 17, of Pittsburgh, won the prize for being the best uniformed Lodge.

Nearly five thousand persons attended the ball Thursday evening given at Young's Million Dollar Pier. The scene was a brilliant one and the daily papers spoke enthusiastically of the deportment of those present.

During the evening Harry H. Pace, the retiring exalted ruler, and Grand Secretary Bates were presented with loving cups.

The next convention will be held at Norfolk, Va.

ELKS OFFICERS

Boston Reliance 9-13-13

Stewart Hoyt, Boston, Elected Grand Esteemed Leading Knight

The fourteenth annual session of the Grand Lodge, I. B. P. O. Elks of the World held in Atlanta recently, was one of the most brilliant and dramatic in its history.

Second to the united session in Washington in 1910, in point of numbers, it was attended by all Past Grand Exalted Rulers, and the personnel, character, intelligence, and loyalty of its members will measure up to the standard of any previous session. There were many strong men there, many popular and earnest men whose interest in the order, love and sacrifice for it were not wanting of abundant appreciation, and particularly was this true upon the appearance

STEWART E. HOYT.

on the convention floor Tuesday afternoon of Bro. Stewart E. Hoyt, when the report of the Committee on Credentials was being presented. Many thought that the G. E. Loyal Knight would be prevented from attending, on account of his serious illness. But the members rose as one man and cheered him to the echo when he took his seat.

The business of the convention was dispatched with unusual celerity and spirit, and much remedial legislation adopted. In this connection it is not out of place to say that slowly but surely the Grand Lodge is adopting the recommendations offered in 1910 by the New England Reform Committee, whose head and center was Brother Hoyt.

The reports of the Grand Exalted Ruler, Grand Secretary and Grand Legal Adviser were classics and teemed with items of interest and facts concerning the state of the order, showing great progress during the year. That of the Grand Secretary was especially gratifying in that it contained solid information as to the number of Lodges, amount of property owned, and money expended in sick and death benefits and charity.

The local committee of Lighthouse Lodge, No. 9, deserve great credit for the elaborate program of entertainment arranged and carried out, from the sermon on Sunday afternoon to the grand ball on the Million Dollar

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DR. MORRIS ATTENDS PEACE CONFERENCE.

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE: 12-18-13

HELENA, Ark., Dec. 16.—Dr. E. C. Morris, president of the National Baptist Convention, was appointed a member of the committee to arrange for an International Peace Conference to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of peace among the English-speaking people of the world. He attended a meeting of the committee at the Hotel Jefferson, Richmond, Va., December 4, and made an address. Among other things he said:

"I am identified with a race of people who have not always been considered a part of the English-speaking people of the world, but under a special dispensation of an unerring Providence these people have been separated from hundreds of dialects of their fatherland and have been taught the English language and may rightly be considered a part of the English-speaking peoples of the world. . . . As a race the American Negro still hears the enunciation falling from the lips of angels, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men,' and they shall hail with inexpressible delight the triumphant march of the Gospel of Peace whose equitable teachings will ultimately bring every man to recognize every other man as his brother and God as the Father of us all."

National Organizations — 1913

18,700 COLORED ELKS REPRESENTED

Thousands of Delegates from All Parts of the Country, Held for Convention.

8-30-13.

Atlanta Advocate. 8-30-13.

A RECEPTION HELD. PARADE ON THURSDAY

NEWS FROM ELKDOM

The annual report of Grand Exalted Ruler H. H. Pace and Grand Secretary George Bates before the convention Tuesday showed great progress and proved that the order should live.

No true Elk will ever think of any proposition at any time to change the name.

"God Almighty hates a quitter."

Chicago has eyes on the next convention.

It is around that Grand Secretary Bates will succeed himself. Let it be so.

Hello, Bill!

Are you an Elk?

Mrs. H. T. Paige, Raymond L. Phillips, S. B. Noble, Basil F. Hutchins and J. Thomas Harrison, editor of the Advocate; M. F. Atkinson, E. T. Diggs, Gilbert Morris, A. A. Seiden, Steward Hoyt, Timberlake, Furguson, Dr. John Mall, A. W. Ross, D. S. S. Browne, Mrs. Banks, Fisher, Janette W. Browne, White, Mrs. B. F. Mutchins, Mrs. Harry Atkinson, Mrs. Ferguson, Goolsby, Stephens Massey, Misses Hattie Bartlett, Lottie Mason Shephard, Mrs. Williams and a host of others are among the Boston delegation who are here in the interest of their candidate.

PARADE HELD THURSDAY

The parade of the marching clubs was held Thursday, starting at 1.30. The parade ended at the Inlet Park, where was held the annual field day events. The route of the parade was as follows: Formation at the Colored Elks' Home, North Carolina and Arctic avenues. From this point the marching clubs formed on the intersecting streets to Rhode Island avenue, where the line of march began: thence south on Rhode Island to Atlantic; west on Atlantic avenue to Arkansas avenue, where the line turned and countermarched on Atlantic avenue to the Inlet Park. The marching clubs were reviewed from the reviewing stand on Atlantic avenue opposite the city hall, where the contesting clubs were judged.

The late estimate of the chairman of the entertainment committee, B. G. Fitzgerald, and Silas Hipkins, of the convention committee, shows there were more than 5000 people in attendance at the ball held on the Million Dollar Pier Thursday evening. The Elks took charge of the pier at 6 o'clock in the afternoon and the ball was started promptly at 8 o'clock. Hundreds of people came from Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York especially to attend this function.

Thousands of members of the colored order of Elks, the I. B. P. O. E. of the World, from all parts of the country, arrived in Atlantic City Monday for the big international convention of the order. Still more arrived Tuesday and Wednesday. Monday night Fitzgerald's Auditorium was crowded to capacity at the opening reception and many prominent colored men were present. Mayor William Riddle delivered the address of welcome. The only other visitor among the speakers was Senator Walter E. Edge.

Tuesday's business meeting was called to order at 10 o'clock in the morning. Exalted Ruler H. H. Pace, of Memphis, Tenn., presiding.

Credentials were offered to grand credential committee, and this was followed by the reports of the committee on credentials. Then followed the appointment of grand lodge committees, report of the grand exalted ruler, report of the grand secretary, report of the grand treasurer and other business in order.

First Session

The first session of the fourteenth annual convention of the I. B. P. O. Elks of the World was called to order yesterday morning at 11.30. The roll call revealed that all the grand officers were present but two, one of whom died some few weeks ago—this being the grand treasurer, Dr. Gales.

Grand Exalted Ruler Harry H. Pace, of Memphis, Tenn., is the presiding officer of the convention. Mr. Pace is a man well connected in the business world, being cashier of the Solvent Saving and Trust Company, of Memphis, as well as being prominently connected with the largest colored insurance company of that state. C. Clay Lewis, of this city; Dr. J. E. Mills, Charles Freeman, Dr. J. B. Hall, and D .W. Parker, were named as the committee on credentials. When the committee made its report, after a recess of one hour, it was that 233 of the subordinate lodges were represented by 450 delegates.

The annual report of the retiring grand exalted ruler was characterized as a masterpiece. It shows that the past has been the most successful year in the history of colored Elkdom. Mr. Pace was given a great ovation, lasting more than five minutes at the conclusion of his address. By a vote of the grand lodge the retiring grand ruler will be presented with a silver loving cup. The next annual report was that of the grand secretary, George E. Bates, of Newark, N. J., which shows the lodge to be in a most prosperous condition. In two years the lodge has been brought from the position of thousands of dollars in debt to that of many thousands of dollars in the treasury and no debts whatever. The report of the grand secretary shows that there are 285 subordinate lodges in the organization having a membership of 18,700 members. These lodges have a property valuation of $156,000. The order has paid in death claims in the past year $26,000, and sick benefits in the amount of $24,576. They have raised for charitable purposes $4558. They show that the grand treasury has a fund of over $18,000.

As the convention stands today more delegates and more lodges are represented than at the previous grand lodge session in the history of the order and the prediction that the Atlantic City convention would be the grandest and most successful as well as the largest in the history of the order is fulfilled. Delegates are present from every state in the union and from the West Indies.

T. GILLIS NUTTER, GRAND ESTEEMED LEADING KNIGHT, PROMINENT CANDIDATE FOR GRAND EXALTED RULER

Big Parade Thursday

The grand event of the convention will come on Thursday, when the grand parade of the marching clubs will be held. It is expected more than five thousand men will be in line at this time. The annual reunion and ball will be held on the million dollar pier on the same evening, after which a garden party supper will be served in Fitzgerald's Auditorium.

T. Gillis Nutter

The interest in the race for the office of grand exalted ruler is keen. T. G. Nutter, of Charleston, W. Va., a lawyer, and brother of Isaac H. Nutter, of this city, and Attorney Armand W. Scott are by far the strongest candidates in the field. Nutter's friends claim he has almost the solid delegations from the west and the north, while Scott's friends are battling with a determination to have their man win. Another phase has entered into the equation in that Mr. Stewart E. Hoyt, of Boston, has reached the city and his friends are working with great zeal to land him in the office of grand exalted ruler. That the present grand secretary, Geo. E. Bates, will succeed himself is conceded by nearly every delegate present.

Honor for Lightfoot

At the morning session the grand exalted ruler conferred a signal honor on Attorney J. E. Lightfoot, of this city, by appointing him chairman of the publicity committee.

Wednesday's Session — Endowment Plans Offered

The second day's session of the Colored Elks of the World opened Wednesday morning with a larger delegation than at Tuesday's session. More than fifty delegates arrived late Tuesday evening, notable among them being delegates from San Francisco and Los Angeles, Cal. The Californians have set up headquarters and are busy boosting California and the com-

ing Pan American Exposition at San Francisco. They have exhibits and banners plentiful.

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KNIGHTS AND DAUGHTERS OF TABOR HOLD SESSION

New Port News

13th Annual Session Held in Portsmouth Last Week.

Sept 20-13.

LOCAL MAN IS RE-ELECTED

William Washington Still Heads Order in Virginia.

Portsmouth, Va, Sept. 15.—The thirteenth annual session of the International Order of Twelve Knights and Daughters of Tabor of Virginia and Jurisdiction convened at the Ebenezer Baptist church, Portsmouth, Va., on the 9th inst and continued in session three days. The session was one of the most helpful and inspiring in the history of the order, and the business was dispatched in harmony and with facility. The I. C. G. M. Sir S. A. Jordan, of Little Rock, Ark., was present and presided with his usual dignity and executive ability. His impartial rulings, and timely admonitions and instructions were very helpful.

The reports of the various temples, tabernacle, platiums and tents showed that the organization is numerically and financially stronger than ever, and that the future of the order in this state is very promising.

A significant attestation of the growing strength of the order is found in the reports of the C. G. S., Sir E. F. Braxton, and of the C. G. Tr., Rev. G. T. Jones, which among other items, show that thirteen deaths occurred during the year and that the face value of each endowment certificate—$150.00, was paid within ninety days after being presented, aggregating the sum of $1,950 00.

The report of the C. G. M., Sir William Washington, showed that the real estate of the order is free from debt and without any incumbrance whatever. These facts speak eloquently for the management of the affairs of the Grand Temple and Tabernacle.

On the afternoon of Thursday, the 11th Inst,, there was a grand parade through the principal streets of the city of Portsmouth, representatives from every department of the order, accompanied by the Tidewater Brass Band, of Newport News, participating.

A special feature of this parade was a company composed of pages of Newport News, which marched proudly in line, calling forth the hearty applause of spectators.

On the evening of the same day at 8:30 o'clock a public installation was held and the following officers were regularly installed for the year: Sir William Washington, C. G M.; Dt. Nannie Stewart, G. H. P.; Sir J. J. Watkin, V. G. M.; Dt. Onie Minkins, V. G. P.; Sir E. F. Braxton, C. G. S.; Dt. A. V. Clark, C. G. R.; Rev. G. T. Jones, C. G. Tr.; Sir J. W. Pettus, G. P. P.; Dt. Daisy Pope, G. Q. M.; Rev. A. Jackson, C. G. O.; Dt. Hattie E. Bess, C. G. P.; Dt. Cora S. James, G. I. St.; Sir Gunney Cofield, C. G. St.; Sir Walter Roberts, C. G. C. B.; Sir B. F. Jackson, G. D M.; Sirs John E. Elam, P. H Steward, James Howard and John Houston, C. G. judges; Sirs Alexander Epps, D. Ballard and Alexander Dunn, C. G. guards; Dts. Josephine Peterson; Ida Parker, Emma Evans and Irene Epps, C. G. judges; Dts. D. Willmore, Elnora Booth and Martha Walker, C. G. Te.

The installation exercise was interspersed with music and concluded with an address by Rev. James H. Smith, D. D., of Newport News, who in his usual scholarly manner, gave to the newly installed officers very wholesome advice along their several lines of duty. Concluding remarks were made by the International Chief Grand Mentor, Sir S. A. Jordan, and the thirteenth annual session of the Grand Temple and Tabernacle was history.

E. & W. H. PYTHIANS HOLD SESSION

Harmony Prevails at Biennial Meeting of Eastern and Western Hemisphere Pythians.

W. A. HAWKINS AGAIN SUPREME CHANCELLOR

Various Reports Show Condition of the Order to Be Extremely Good.

Philadelphia, September 5.—Delegates from every section of the country were here this week attending the fitfeenth annual session of the Supreme Lodge of Knights of Pythias and the Supreme Court of Calanthe, Eastern and Western Hemispheres. While the session was not as largely attended as was that of the other wing of the order at Baltimore last week, the utmost harmony prevailed and the reports showed that the order was in a flourishing condition.

The session opened with a sermon by Rev. Dr. W. Spencer Carpenter Allen A. M. E. Church Sunday night. Following the sermon Dr. Carpenter introduced Supreme Chancellor W. Ashbie Hawkins, of Baltimore, as "a man who had successfully conducted the legal fight against segregation in Baltimore."

Formal welcoming services were held Monday, and the same evening a reception was tendered the visiting delegates.

Supreme Chancellor Hawkins in his biennial address Wednesday made a general review of the status of the order. The other Supreme officers made their reports.

The fraternal and beneficial department reported that claims amounting to $14,000 had been met, that not a dollar was owed and that a handsome balance remained in the treasury. The offices of the secretary and treasury of this department were created.

A memorial services were held at Cherry Memorial Baptist Church Tuesday night.

Reports submitted at the sessions of the Supreme Court of Calanthe indicated progress. Mrs. Cornelia Snyder, of Baltimore, supreme register of deeds, was unable to be present on account of continued illness. Mrs. Ella Price, of New Jersey, the supreme worthy councilor presided.

The next session will be held in one of the New England cities.

The following Supreme Lodge officers were elected:

W. Ashbie Hawkins Baltimore, supreme chancellor; W. H. Willis, New York city, vice supreme chancellor; W. E. Grandison, Cambridge, Mass., supreme keeper of records and seal; W. W. Lawrence, New Berne, N. C., supreme master of exchequer; Rev. J. C. Anderson, Crew, Va. supreme prelate; J. R. Farrar Bridgeport, Conn. supreme master-at-arms; B. B. Martin Kansas City supreme inner guard.; W. H. Burton supreme outer guard; Rev. W. Spencer Carpenter Philadelphia adjutant general of uniform rank, G. E. Gordon Chelsea Mass., secretary of fraternal and beneficiary board W. A. Heathmany, Providence, R. I. treasurer of fraternal and beneficiary board; G. Fred Freeman, Cambridge, Mass.; Solomon Tripp, Baltimore, and T. G. Schuyler. Boston Mass., supreme trustees.

The Baltimoreans present include Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Tripp, W. I. Butler, J. S. McKinnon, Miss Ida R. Cummings, Mrs. J. S. Fennel, Mrs. Jennie Ross, Mrs. Rebecca

COLORED SHRINERS IN CITY.

Delegations From Many States Here for Convention.

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Delegations from the many States arrived last Tuesday for the fifteenth annual session of the Colored Imperial Council of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America at the new Pythian Temple, on Senate avenue and Walnut street. Eugene Phillips, of New York, imperial potentate, established headquarters at the home of W. A. Kersey, 524 North Senate avenue. Deputy Imperial Potentate J. H. Sherwood, of St. Paul, Minn., is the guest of John Duff, 901 Fayette street. Mrs. Mary I. Miller, of Washington, D. C., imperial commandress of the Daughters of Isis, and her staff are the guests of Mrs. W. H. Brice, 1107 North Senate avenue. The first session of the council was held at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. Sir Eugene Phillips presided. A public reception was held at Bethel A. M. E. Church in the evening. The welcome addresses on the part of the city and the local lodges were delivered. A public reception was tendered the visiting Daughters of Isis by the Deborah Court at the home of Dr. S. A. Furniss on Senate avenue. Many of the visiting delegates attended the ceremonial session and banquet Tuesday night at the Masonic Hall on Court street. C. E. Dunlop, illustrious potentate of the Persian Temple, was in charge of the program. Twenty-five new members were initiated.

Twenty-Six Candidates Initiated by the Colored Shriners.

Twenty-six candidates from different parts of the State were initiated into the Colored Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, under the direction of Persian Temple, of this city, at its temple, Delaware and Court streets, Tuesday night, assisted by potentates and prominent officials among Shriners from other places. A banquet in honor of the candidates and visitors followed the ceremonies.

The formal opening of the fifteenth annual session of the Imperial Council took place Wednesday. The exercises, after devotional exercises led by Imperial Potentate Eugene Phillips, of New York, and the high priest prophet, J. W. Barnes, consisted of the hearing of the reports of the deputies, the recorder and treasurer.

The Daughters of the Imperial Grand Court of the Order of Isis opened its fourth annual session Wednesday by conducting a full ceremonial court under the direction of Grand Commandress Mary G. Miller, of Washington, D. C. A visit was received from the grand imperial potentate of the Shriners. An address of welcome was given by the grand commandress. Among the women attending the meeting of the court are: Mrs. P. Penn Philadelphia; Miss Alice Crawford, Boston; Mrs. A. B. Groves, St. Louis; Mrs B. W. Smith, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Cassie Melker, St. Paul, Minn.; Mrs. F. Butler, grand treasurer, New York City; Mrs. A. E. Gladston, grand recordress, Pittsburgh, Pa. Deborah, the local court, held an informal reception for the visitors and local members of the order Wednesday, a tthe home of Dr. S. A. Furniss, from 4 to 7 o'clock.

A public reception was held at Bethel A. M. E. Church, Wednesday evening. Mayor Shank gave the address of welcome.

Officers of American Negro Academy.

Archibald H. Grimke, of Boston, has been re-elected president of the American Negro Academy. The other officers chosen are: First vice president, Kelly Miller; second vice president, Rev. J. Albert Johnson; third vice president, Dr. J. J. France; fourth vice president, Rev. L. J. Johnson; recording secretary, A. U. Craig; corresponding secretary, J. W. Cromwell; treasurer, Rev. F. J. Grimke; executive committee, Kelly Miller, J. W. Cromwell, F. J. Grimke, L. M. Hershaw and E. C. Williams.

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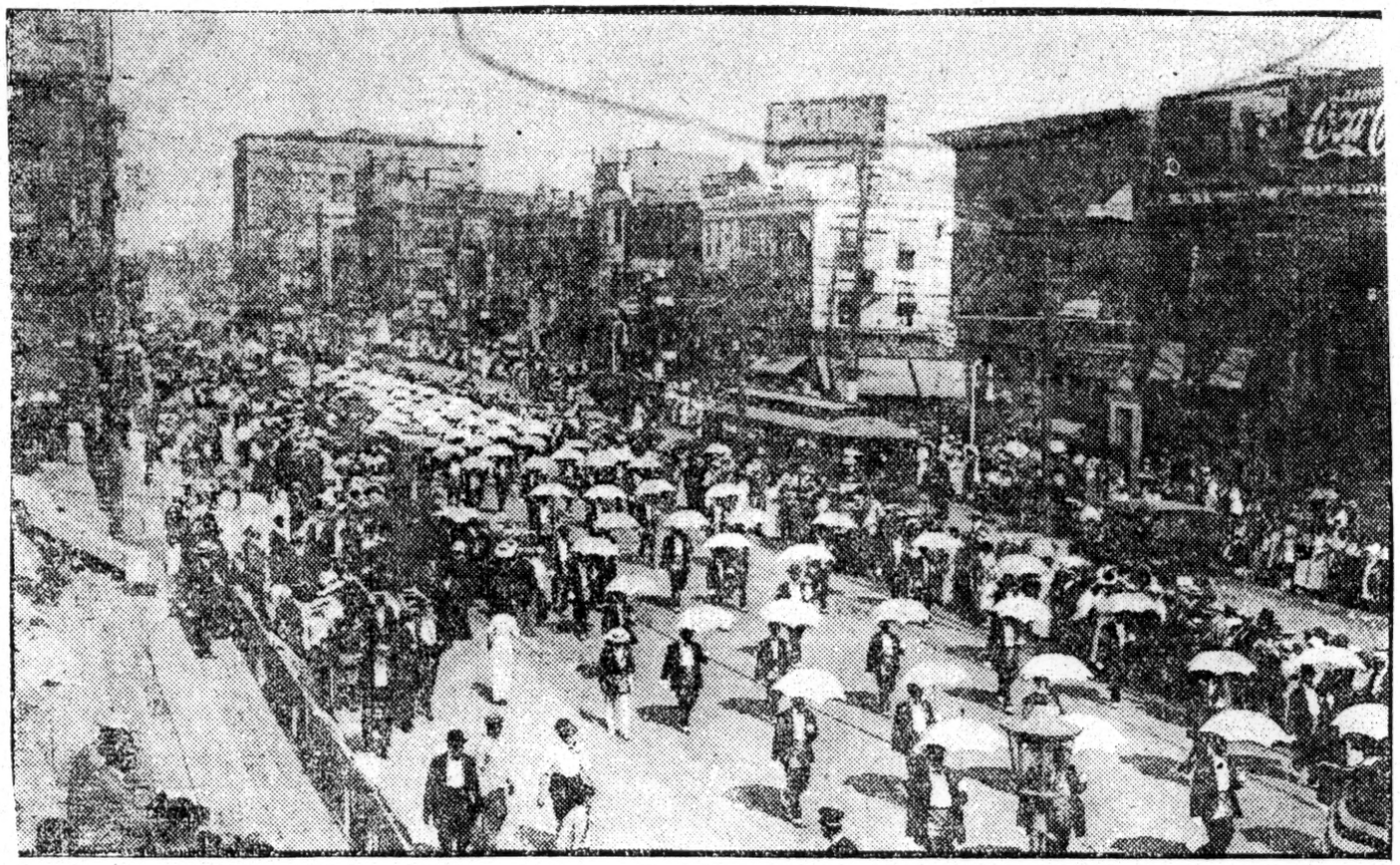
T. GILLIS NUTTER, OF CHARLESTON, W. VA.,
Elected Grand Exalted Ruler of I. B. P. O. E. of W.

Elks Close Greatest Convention in History of Order.

T. G. Nutter Elected Grand Ruler. Election on First Ballot.

FIVE THOUSAND MEN IN GRAND PARADE. BALL A BRILLIANT AFFAIR.



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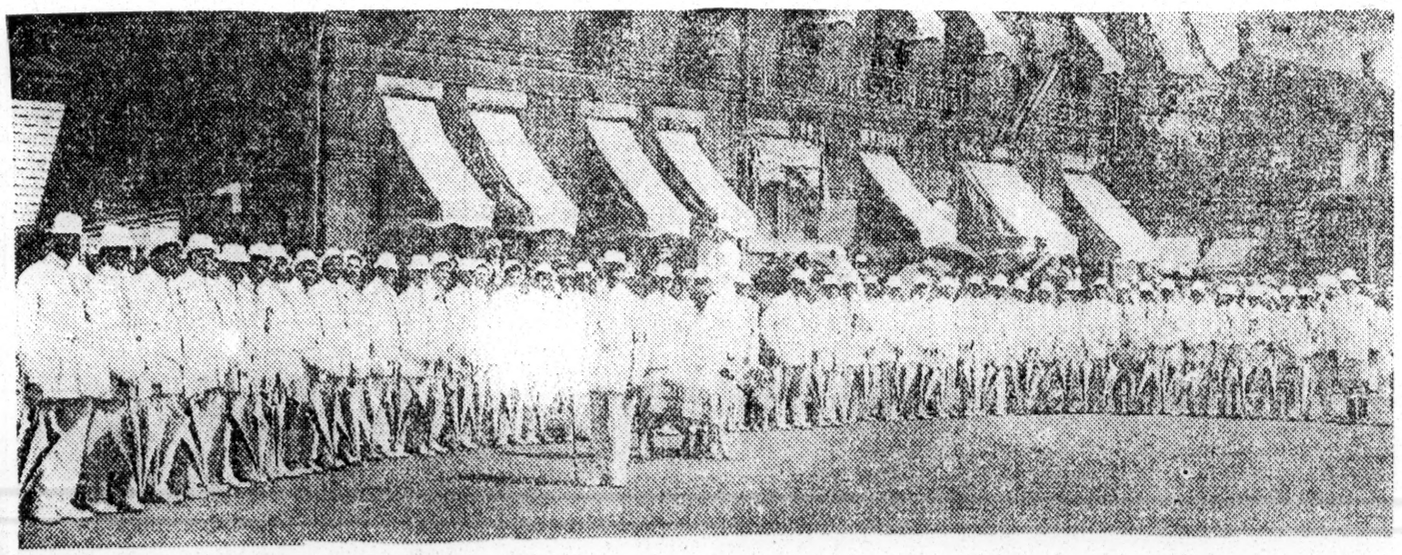

MARCHING CLUB OF LIGHT HOUSE LODGE, ATLANTIC CITY.

The fourteenth annual convention of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World closed here on Friday evening last, and in closing finished what is conceded the most successful and most largely attended session of the grand lodge in the history of colored Elkdom. From the evening of the formal opening, on Monday last, when the Hon. William Riddle, mayor of Atlantic City, made the address of welcome on behalf of the city, and Senator Walter E. Edge bade the colored Elks of the world a hearty welcome on behalf of the state of New Jersey, the many delegations, marching clubs and hosts of visitors who came here especially for the occasion, were surrounded with that hospitality, freedom, liberality and entertainment which have made Atlantic City famous the entire world over as the greatest convention city in America.

When the Negro Elks of the world arrived in the city for the sessions of their fourteenth annual grand lodge, they found the city in holiday attire. Everyone and every place breathed the carnival air. Atlantic City, the three hundred Negro Elks and the thousands of citizens were anxious to do everything possible to make the past convention, as was predicted, the most largely attended and the most successful in the history of the order—and they did. The grand lodge officers, the visiting delegates and the host of visitors were loud in their praise of the reception tendered them here, and the work of Lighthouse Lodge, of this city, and the different committees who prepared for their entertainment.

Mayor Riddle Praises Order

Mayor William Riddle, when seen by a representative of this paper, took the occasion to say how pleased he was to have been invited to address the grand lodge, and stated it was one of the most orderly, as

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18,700 Colored Elks.

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The most important business of Tuesday's session was the consideration of the plan to establish an endowment department of the order. This new plan was favorably reported but occasioned a hotly contested fight on the floor. So hard was the fight that a special session has been arranged for the express purpose of threshing out the matter.

Increase of Salaries

Some strong opposition developed when the committee submitted a favorable report to increase the salary of the grand secretary, whose work on account of the rapidly increasing membership is becoming more and more arduous. The grand secretary's salary was increased.

A reception was prepared and tendered the visiting delegation and their friends at the famous Elephant Hotel of Margate City yesterday in the late afternoon. On account of the suspension of the afternoon session the grand lodge held a night session last night.

Grand Legal Adviser Submits Report

The report of Grand Legal Adviser Armond W. Scott, of Washington, D. C., and who is a candidate for grand exalted ruler, submitted his annual report at the morning session. Mr. Scott gave a full review of the work and the accomplishments of his office for the past year. Mr. Scott emphasized the advisability of a businesslike operation of the affairs of the organization and gave the ground upon which the Grand Lodge of Colored Elks will attempt to defend their right to use the title and insignias under which that order now operates. At the conclusion of this report Mr. Scott was given a wild ovation and nearly every delegate left the floor and came to the rostrum to shake his hand in congratulation. A resolution was carried tendering Attorney Scott a vote of the grand lodge thanks. Lawyer I. B. Nutter, of this city, made a speech electrifying the convention endorsing the recommendation of the grand legal adviser.

Many important changes were advised by the committee on by-laws and resolutions. Especially was this done in the matter of the election of the officers in the subordinate lodges.

Holds Sorrow Session

The grand lodge out of respect of the many departed brothers of the subordinate lodges, on the report of the grand obituary committee, entered in to a sorrow session which lasted more than one and one half hours. The Rev. Dr. Churchman, grand esteemed lecturing knight, offered prayer for the departed brothers and the Rev. Dr. George Avant, grand chaplain and archdeacon, of North Carolina, delivered the annual eulogy.

GOOD SHEPHERDS END THEIR MOBILE CONVENTION

Negro Order Will Meet Next in Montgomery—Nearly $17,000 Raised

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Special to The Advertiser.

MOBILE, ALA., July 20.—Three hundred and twenty-seven delegates, representing 174 lodges of the United Order of Good Shepherds of the United States, headquarters in Montgomery, George W. Chandler, President, closed their eighth annual meeting, and the delegates left for their homes Saturday. Ninety per cent of the delegates were negro farmers, many of them owning large farms.

While the Good Shepherds maintain fraternal and mutual aid relations, the primary object of the organization is to buy land in large plots, divide it into small farms, and sell to members of the order at reasonable rates. The order has succeeded in purchasing 3,100 acres of the Stoughtenboro plantation, eighteen miles south of Selma and seven miles from Minters, and the plantation is being tenanted by negro farmers.

George W. Chandler of Montgomery, the President and founder of the order, in his annual report, showed that $16,495 has been received from cotton cultivated on the plantation and from cash paid in by members of the organization which amount has been used in paying installments and interest on mortgage debt and in the improvement of the Shepherds Home, the name of the plantation. The report showed also that $13,503.59 was collected during the year, including $1,143 paid in at the Mobile meeting, with a balance on hand in cash and bonds of $2,883.

White People Help.

The deal was made for the Stoughtenboro plantation through the Mabry Securities Company of Selma, who advanced the order $25,000 at legal interest and became surety for the issuance of $25,000 gold bonds at 6 per cent interest, payable annually at the Mabry office, Selma. The bonds are issued in denominations ranging from $10 to $1,000, the object being to reduce the interest and place the bonds largely among the members of the organization, many subscribing largely the first day the bonds were exhibited and explained by Rev. A. F. Owens, of Tuskegee, one of the Institute trustees.

Leading Negroes Connected.

Among the prominent negroes connected with the order are: Rev. A. J. Stokes, Rev. R. C. Judkins, Rev. Wm. Madison, Jr., Rev. H. R. Cooper, Dr. Nathan Nesbitt, Dr. D. C. Northcross, Rev. S. J. Elliott and Bishop J. W. Alstork, Montgomery; Prof. R. B. Hudson and Rev. L. W. Calloway, Selma; Bishop R. S. Williams, Augusta, Ga.; Rev. Charles L. Fisher, Rev. J. B. Carter, Rev. Dr. Leath, pastor, Mobile; Rev. A. F. Owens, Tuskegee Institute; Presiding Elders Elliott and Alison of Colored Methodist Episcopal Church.

The center of the community is Shepherdsville, chartered the prospective town of the Good Shepherds' now operating in Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, Georgia and Oklahoma.

The laudable ambitions of members of this order to get homes and to encourage their race to go back to the farms are endorsed by prominent white citizens of Selma, Minters and those whose farms surround the Shepherds Home. Tenants of the home are supplied by white merchants of Selma, Minters and other towns near the plantation.

The following letter from a prominent white man connected with the Louisville and Nashville Railroad explains itself:

"Flomaton, Ala., June 29, 1913.

"To Whom It May Concern:

"I am desirous of calling the attention of energetic and uplifting citizenship to the great work that is being done in this immediate and surrounding country by G. W. Chandler (colored) and George W. Powell (colored). G. W. Chandler is Supreme President of the Good Shepherds and George Powell is managing the local lodge at Flomaton.

"It is the intention of this order to create in the minds of the colored population a desire to elevate themselves in a social manner and practice economy to the extent of owning their own homes, settling down and making good citizens. The Good Shepherds have a tract of 3,000 acres of land at Snow Hill, Ala., which is being deeded to its worthy members, giving especial aid to those who are not able to pay for their homes outright, but are willing to till the soil in good faith and prove themselves worthy citizens. The general idea of the association and intent is to lift the helpless and increase the interest in agriculture. This is a very commendable work in the leaders of the colored race and should have the good will and, if necessary, the aid of the good white people of our land.

There is nothing needed more than the advancement of economic and agricultural interest of the negro and the object of owning homes is the surest method of bringing them to noticeable citizenship. Through the influence of the above-named men we find members of their race interested in buying homes and looking toward living such lives as will satisfy the law-abiding citizens in our vicinity.

(Signed.) "W. J. Bryan."

The officers are: George W. Chandler, President; Rev. S. J. Elliott, Vice-President; S. L. Duncan, National Secretary; Rev. E. W. Cooke, National Treasurer; Maggie Moore, Recording Secretary; Rev. A. F. Owens, Manager Publicity; Rev. L. W. Calloway, Chairman Board of Control.

Trustees: George W. Chandler, Montgomery; D. T. West, Selma; S. J. Elliott, Opelika; E. W. Cook, Snow Hill; Dr. N. Nesbitt, Montgomery; L. W. Calloway, Selma; P. R. Thomas, Sardis; J. M. Smith, Shepherdsville; Dr. A. F. Owen, Tuskegee Institute.

PROTECTIVE LEAGUES MEET

The Guardian 5-9-14.

NEGRO PROTECTIVE LEAGUE OF PENN. HOLDS TWO MEETINGS —NEGRO MINISTERIAL PROTECTIVE ORGANIZED—SEC. WESLEY JONES TO SPEAK—SINCLAIR AT BALTIMORE—JACK BLACKBURN MATCHED WITH GUNBOAT SMITH—OTHER PHILADELPHIA NEWS.

Philadelphia, Penn., May 5, 1914.—Weddings and engagements of exceeding interest continue to make the spring season noteworthy. The Negro Protective League of Penn., held large meetings on Monday and Tuesday evenings at Haverford avenue, and 39th streets. Forceful and eloquent addresses were made at each of the meetings by Rev. William A. Creditt, George W. Dawley, Dr. R. R. Wright, Jr., and J. H. Asbury.

The Afro-American Ministerial Protective League, held a meeting, Wednesday afternoon, at 71st street and Woodland avenues, which was largely attended, 150 new members joined, all of the daily newspapers were represented and pledged the league their united support.

Senator Wesley L. Jones, will speak at Varick Institution Temple, on Monday night, May 18th. One hundred of the best citizens will escort him from his hotel to the hall. Hon. George H. White and Editor Chris. J. Perry will also speak.

W. D. Richardson has opened a first class market at 217 W. Lancaster avenue.

Dr. William A. Sinclair went to Baltimore to attend the meeting of the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People.

Jack Blackburn, the former wizard, who celebrated his re-entry into the ring recently, by giving the tough Tommy Howell a beating in six rounds, was matched Thursday night by Jack McGuigan to fight Gunboat Smith, the leading American white heavy-weight, in a six round bout of a special show to take place at the National Athletic Club, on Wednesday, May 20th.

S. H. Dudley and his company of 20 people are at Gibson's New Standard Theatre, this week.

Bishop L. Coppin, was in Washington, D. C. last week, attending the meeting of the Extension Board of the A. M. E. church.—Miss Hattie Norris has gone to Saratoga Springs for the summer.—Arrivals during the week were, Mrs. Addie Durham Webb, Raleigh, N. C., Miss Celia Caroline Storer, Mercerburg, Pa., Mr. Edward Johnson, W. A. Monde, Brooklyn, N. Y., Martha A. Pipes, Barclay, Md.—Mr. Charles Chero and Thomas Dorsey, will retain their positions as bar tenders at the Broad street station, as the Penn, Railroad have decided to take out a new licence.—Deaths during the week were, George B. Ray, Robert Hunt, William H. Whitlock, John P. Davis, Willis West, Dorothy Cooper, Georgianna Redding, Abram Lean, S. Henderson, Sarah F. Middleton, Nathaniel Pinkett.

THE ALPHA PHI ALPHA CONVENTION.

Freeman 1-2-13

COLUMBUS, O.—The fifth annual convention of the Alpha Phi Alpha has just closed at the seat of Kappa chapter, in this city. This is the first and only colored Greek letter fraternity of national scope. It was founded at Cornell University six years ago, and since then it has had a steady growth. To date it has fifteen chapters established at some of the largest and best schools in the country. Unlike most of the other fraternities, it strives for the uplift and development of, not only its members, but the colored student body in general. Wherever a chapter has been established it has been shown that it has raised the moral tone and scholarship of the colored student body.

In connection with the session just closed was held the first annual reunion and banquet. There were about forty in attendance at this reunion. Mr. Moses A. Morrison, D. D. S., the first general president and an alumnus of Howard University, was one of the speakers at the meeting. Mr. N. A. Murry, one of the founders of the organization, read a paper before the body on "Early History of the Fraternity."

While in the city they were royally entertained by the Kappa chapter of Ohio State University and the friends of the city.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Chas. H. Garvin, of Howard University; vice-president, Mr. Cannon, of the University of Minnesota; general secretary, Mr. H. L. Dickason, of Ohio State University; treasurer, Mr. W. P. Norcum, of the University of Michigan.

GREEK LETTER SOCIETY.

1/16/13 Special to The New York Age. Mystery

WILBERFORE, O., Jan. 14.—The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity recently closed its fifth annual convention and first alumni reunion at the seat of the Kappa Chapter, Ohio State University. This is the only Negro Greek letter fraternity of national importance, and has chapters at thirteen of the largest universities in the United States and Canada, a graduate chapter in Louisville, Ky., and an alumni chapter in New York City. The fraternity was founded at Cornell six years ago and the last chapter was established at Wilberfore University December 14, 1912.

The convention was a success in every particular. Many chapters have secured, while others are contemplating the securing of chapter houses.

In connection with the convention was held the First Alumni Reunion.

Among those present were: George B. Kelly, chairman of the alumni committee; Dr. A. S. Brock and J. T. Clark of Louisville; Dr. W. G. Cabel of Huntington, W. Va.; W. O. Stokes, Dayton, O.; Dr. J. C. Kingson, Blue Field, W. Va.; Dr. L. W. Hathcock of Dayton, O.

The officers elected were: Charles H. Darvin (Howard), re-elected president; Raymond W. Conner (Minnesota), vice-president; Henry L. Dickerson (Ohio State), secretary; William R. Norcom (Michigan), treasurer.

The sixth convention will convene December 29, 30 and 31, 1913, at the seat of the Beta Chapter, Howard University, Washington, D. C.

National Organizations – 1913.

NEGRO POSTAL CLERKS IN NATIONAL ALLIANCE

Special to The New York Age. 10-27-13

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Oct. 21.—Twenty-eight delegates, representing the Negro postal clerks from the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Indiana, Tennessee and Texas, met here October 2 to 4, and organized the National Alliance of Postal Employes.

The organization is the outcome of the Negro railway postal clerks' conference called to consider the interests of the Negroes employed by the Government who are being segregated and discriminated against in the service.

H. L. Mims of Texas presided and stated the object of the meeting. Speeches were made by various citizens and visiting clerks.

The officers of the permanent organization are as follows: H. L. Mims, Houston, Tex., president; C. B. Shepperson, Little Rock, Ark., vice-president; R. L. Bailey, Indianapolis, Ind., secretary; A. H. Hendrick, Macon, Ga., treasurer; Irving Butler, Memphis, Tenn., auditor; B. H. Hollerman, New Orleans, La., editor.

The next meeting will be held at Savannah, Ga., on the second Thursday in July, 1914.

OF INTEREST IN ALABAMA.

The untimely death of William H. Alexander, besides the usual pathos attending an affair of this kind, is of extraordinary interest to Alabamians by reason of the fact that the Mosaic Templars, the organization of which Mr. Alexander was national master, has large holdings in this state and has under advisement the erection of a state temple in Montgomery. The Mosaic Temple, which was recently dedicated in Little Rock was erected by the Windham Construction Company of this city. On the death of Mr. Alexander, Dr. E. L. Elliot, of Montgomery, a presiding elder of the A. M. E. Church, becomes national grand master. The order is one of the strongest in the country and has a record for straight forward legitimate business.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Boston Reliance – 9-13-13

The 13th biennial session of the Supreme Lodge, K. of P., E. & W. H., which convened in Philadelphia, Pa., on Monday morning, Sept. 1, 1913, was a most enjoyable and profitable one to all who attended. The biennial sermon at Allen A. M. E. church was preached by Sir Rev. W. Spencer Carpenter, the pastor, who had prepared a Pythian sermon, illustrated with stereopticon views.

On Monday evening the reception to the Supreme Lodge was held in Allen church. Welcome addresses were made by the chairman of the executive committee and Rev. Carpenter. Responses by Sup. Chancellor Hawkins and Sup. W. C. Mrs. Ella J. Trice. Addresses, also made by Sirs W. Grandison, Willis and Sis. Ida R. Cummings, all of which were interspersed with selections by the choir, after which refreshments were served. Tuesday evening memorial services were held in the Baptist church, pastored by Rev. Creditt. On Wednesday the reception and ball were given in Equity hall by the local Knights and Calanthians.

The election of officers Thursday resulted as follows: S. C., W. A. Hawkins, Baltimore; S. V. C., Wm. H. Willis, New York; S. Pre., J. C. Anderson, Crewe, Va.; S. K. R. S., W. Grandison, Cambridge, Mass.; S. M. E., W. W. Lawrence, Newbern, N. C.; S. M. A., Jas. R. Farrar, Bridgeport, Conn.; S. I. G, W. H. Burton, N. C.; S. O. G., B. P. Martin, Kansas City, Mo.; Maj. Gen., W. R. W. Spencer Carpenter, Philadelphia; Secretary, Beneficiary department, G. E. Gordon, Chelsea, Mass.; treasurer Beneficiary department, W. A. Heathman, Providence, R. I.; Sup. trustee, 3 years, T. G. Schuyler, Boston, Mass.

The National Negro Academy in Session.

The seventeenth annual session of the National American Negro Academy met here this week at the Y. M. C. A. building on 12th street Northwest, holding two sessions two days. On Monday Mr. Archibald H. Grimke, of Boston, president of the academy, delivered his annual address and the routine business was transacted, including the election of officers. In the evening Roscoe Conkling Bruce, Assistant Superintendent of Public Schools, spoke on "The School and the Community," and L. M. Hershaw discussed "The Negro Laborer Before the Law." On Tuesday the program included a paper by Prof. E. C. Williams, principal of M Street High School, on "The Universal Race Problem;" an address on "Popular Fallacies of the Negro," by Orishatukeh Faduma, and a treatment of the subject, "The Negro Awakening to a Sense of His Native Worth and True Place in History," by Rev. Matthew Anderson, of Philadelphia. The local arrangements were capably handled by Prof. J. W. Cromwell, corresponding secretary of the Academy. The attendance was the largest known in recent years.

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE FORMS A MERGER

For purposes of greater efficency the Maryland Anti-Saloon State League has been merged into the National Anti-Saloon League of America and Maryland and Delaware formed into the Maryland Department with Baltimore as headquarters. What has been the Colored Department of the Maryland State League, under the supervision of Rev. J. DeWitt Turpeau is now to be known as the Colored Work of the Maryland Department of the National League. The work of the colored superintendent is therefore greatly enlarged, having added to his already large territory the State of Delaware.

Rev. Turpeau is making his work count and the League management is greatly pleased with his work, so much so that it is said at the main office that his work in the Charles county campaign well earned his years salary. He is at present attending the conventions of the various churches in his territory and is well received.

The Carroll county campaign will be opened soon and the 1200 or more colored voters in that county must be had in line before it can be safely counted for the "Drys."

The influence of Baltimore and Frederick city will make the battle a different proposition from what Rev. Turpeau met in Charles county and he is admonished to be on his Ps. and Qs.

FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

The Appreciator Aug. 29-13

Royal Circle of Friends of The World

1,500 DELEGATES AND VISITORS PRESENT.

Little Rock, Ark., Sept. 2.

Dr. P. A. Williams of Helena,

A Word to Physicians

Savannah Tribune 9-7-13

The sixth annual meeting of the South Carolina Race Confereace will be held in Columbia, February 18th to 20th. The opening session will be at Sidney Park C. M. E. church, Wednesday night, the 18th. People who attend are usaally benefited by the instructions received and the information given. The last day of the Conference, Friday, will be given over to the physicians and dentists of the state from 2 p. m. to 10 p. They will hear and deliver addresses bearing directly on their work. Dr. LaBriuce Ward will speak on Hookworm disease. All physicians in this and the bordering states are invited to be here on the 20th to hear these addresses and take part in the discussion of the same. Let the physicians from Charlotte, Wilmington, Savannah, Augusta, come and haar these helpful addresses by experts.

All physicians expecting to come write A. B. Johnson, M. D., 1109 Washington street or Richard Carroll, president. All dentists write Dr. H. H. Cooper 1109 Washington street. Any train reaching the city by 12 o'clock Friday, the 20th will be in time for this very important meeting. These lectures to physicians and dentist will be delivered at Benedict college. All other meetings at Sidney Park C. M. E. church.

Rev. Richard Carroll, Pres.
Dr. G. T. Dillard, Vice-pres.
Rev. C. H. Rombert, Sec'y.

Owens, Mrs. Enoch Duffin, and Mrs. Sarah Brown.

The "Mets" are Gallant.

Atlantic City, N. J., September 4.—The Monumental Band, of Baltimore, was awarded the prize for being the best band in the Elks parade last Thursday. Some dispute arose over the decision of the judges, and the Baltimore contingent gratefully agreed to take second honors.

The Grand Lodge of Elks held its closing session last Friday, following the installation of officers for the ensuing year. There were a number of changes in the personne of the officers. T. G. Nutter, an attorney of Charleston, W. Va., was elected grand exalted ruler to succeed Harry H. Pace, of Memphis who declined a re-election. He was opposed by Armand W. Scott, of Washington, who received just five votes less. Mr. Scott, who has been grand legal advisor, was immediately reappointed to the position by the new exalted ruler.

The remaining officers include: James T. Coter, Richmond Va., grand treasurer; Stuart T. Holt, Boston, grand esteemed knight; J. Dunn, Chicago, grand esteemed lecturing knight, and W. H. Johnson, St. Paul, Minn., grand inner guard.

The next session will be held at Norfolk, Va.

THE ASSOCIATION OF NEGRO INDUSTRIAL AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Organized April 17, 1913, in New York City to promote self-help in these Negro schools, to increase their efficiency, and to bring about in their behalf a wider public interest and support.

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